

House Study Bill 249 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to and making appropriations for the economic
2 development of the state, including to the economic
3 development authority, the Iowa finance authority, the
4 public employment relations board, the department of
5 workforce development, and the state board of regents and
6 certain regents institutions, and by modifying provisions
7 relating to the pathways for academic career and employment
8 program, the apprenticeship training program, and new jobs
9 training agreements.
10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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DIVISION I

FY 2023-2024 APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1. GOALS AND ACCOUNTABILITY — ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

1. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, the goals for the economic development authority shall be to expand and stimulate the state economy, increase the wealth of Iowans, and increase the population of the state.

2. To achieve the goals in subsection 1, the economic development authority shall do all of the following for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023:

a. Concentrate its efforts on programs and activities that result in commercially viable products and services.

b. Adopt practices and services consistent with free market, private sector philosophies.

c. Ensure economic growth and development throughout the state.

d. Work with businesses and communities to continually improve the economic development climate along with the economic well-being and quality of life for Iowans.

e. Coordinate with other state agencies to ensure that they are attentive to the needs of an entrepreneurial culture.

f. Establish a strong and aggressive marketing image to showcase Iowa's workforce, existing industry, and potential. A priority shall be placed on recruiting new businesses, business expansion, and retaining existing Iowa businesses. Emphasis shall be placed on entrepreneurial development through helping entrepreneurs secure capital, and developing networks and a business climate conducive to entrepreneurs and small businesses.

g. Encourage the development of communities and quality of life to foster economic growth.

h. Prepare communities for future growth and development through development, expansion, and modernization of infrastructure.

1 i. Develop public-private partnerships with Iowa businesses
2 in the tourism industry, Iowa tour groups, Iowa tourism
3 organizations, and political subdivisions in this state to
4 assist in the development of advertising efforts.

5 j. Develop, to the fullest extent possible, cooperative
6 efforts for advertising with contributions from other sources.

7 Sec. 2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

8 1. APPROPRIATION

9 a. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
10 to the economic development authority for the fiscal year
11 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following
12 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
13 purposes designated in this subsection, and for not more than
14 the following full-time equivalent positions:

15	\$ 12,807,359
16	FTEs 97.10

17 b. (1) For salaries, support, miscellaneous purposes,
18 programs, marketing, and the maintenance of an administration
19 division, a business development division, a community
20 development division, a small business development division,
21 and other divisions the authority may organize.

22 (2) For business development operations and programs,
23 international trade, export assistance, workforce recruitment,
24 and the partner state program.

25 (3) For transfer to a fund created pursuant to section
26 15.313 for purposes of financing strategic infrastructure
27 projects.

28 (4) For community economic development programs, tourism
29 operations, community assistance, plans for Iowa green corps
30 and summer youth programs, the main street and rural main
31 street programs, the school-to-career program, the community
32 development block grant, and housing and shelter-related
33 programs.

34 (5) For achieving the goals and accountability, and
35 fulfilling the requirements and duties required under this Act.

1 (6) The full-time equivalent positions authorized under
2 this section are funded, in whole or in part, by the moneys
3 appropriated under this subsection or by other moneys received
4 by the authority, including certain federal moneys.

5 c. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
6 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
7 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
8 available for expenditure for the purposes designated in this
9 subsection until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

10 2. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RESTRICTIONS

11 a. A business creating jobs through moneys appropriated in
12 subsection 1 shall be subject to contract provisions requiring
13 new and retained jobs to be filled by individuals who are
14 citizens of the United States who reside within the United
15 States, or any person authorized to work in the United States
16 pursuant to federal law, including legal resident aliens
17 residing in the United States.

18 b. Any vendor who receives moneys appropriated in
19 subsection 1 shall adhere to such contract provisions and
20 provide periodic assurances as the state shall require that the
21 jobs are filled solely by citizens of the United States who
22 reside within the United States, or any person authorized to
23 work in the United States, pursuant to federal law, including
24 legal resident aliens residing in the United States.

25 c. A business that receives financial assistance from
26 the authority from moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall
27 only employ individuals legally authorized to work in this
28 state. In addition to all other applicable penalties provided
29 by current law, all or a portion of the assistance received
30 by a business which is found to knowingly employ individuals
31 not legally authorized to work in this state is subject to
32 recapture by the authority.

33 3. USES OF APPROPRIATIONS

34 a. From the moneys appropriated in subsection 1, the
35 authority may provide financial assistance in the form of a

1 grant to a community economic development entity for conducting
2 a local workforce recruitment effort designed to recruit former
3 citizens of the state and former students at colleges and
4 universities in the state to meet the needs of local employers.

5 b. From the moneys appropriated in subsection 1, the
6 authority may provide financial assistance to early stage
7 industry companies being established by women entrepreneurs.

8 c. From the moneys appropriated in subsection 1, the
9 authority may provide financial assistance in the form of
10 grants, loans, or forgivable loans for advanced research and
11 commercialization projects involving value-added agriculture,
12 advanced technology, or biotechnology.

13 d. The authority shall not use any moneys appropriated in
14 subsection 1 for purposes of providing financial assistance for
15 the Iowa green streets pilot project or for any other program
16 or project that involves the installation of geothermal systems
17 for melting snow and ice from streets or sidewalks.

18 4. WORLD FOOD PRIZE

19 In lieu of the standing appropriation in [section 15.368](#),
20 there is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
21 economic development authority for the fiscal year beginning
22 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amount
23 for the world food prize:

24 \$ 500,000

25 5. COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS — ASSISTANCE

26 There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
27 to the economic development authority for the fiscal year
28 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following
29 amount to be used for the purposes of providing financial
30 assistance to Iowa’s councils of governments:

31 \$ 250,000

32 6. BUTCHERY INNOVATION AND REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

33 a. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
34 to the economic development authority for the fiscal year
35 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following

1 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
2 purposes designated:

3 For support of the butchery innovation and revitalization
4 program established in [section 15E.370](#):

5 \$ 633,325

6 b. There is appropriated from the Iowa skilled worker and
7 job creation fund created in [section 8.75](#) to the economic
8 development authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
9 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amount, or so
10 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
11 designated:

12 For support of the butchery innovation and revitalization
13 program established in [section 15E.370](#):

14 \$ 366,675

15 7. TOURISM OFFICE

16 a. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
17 to the economic development authority for the fiscal year
18 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following
19 amount for the tourism office to be used for advertising,
20 promoting, placement, and implementation of the economic
21 development authority's strategic plan for tourism and travel:

22 \$ 1,100,000

23 b. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
24 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
25 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
26 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
27 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

28 c. The economic development authority shall submit an
29 annual report on or before January 15 to the general assembly
30 regarding the tourism office's activities funded with moneys
31 appropriated under this subsection. The report shall be
32 provided in an electronic format and shall include metrics
33 and criteria that allow the general assembly to quantify
34 and evaluate the effectiveness and economic impact of the
35 tourism office's activities related to advertising, promoting,

1 placement, and implementation of the economic development
2 authority's strategic plan for tourism and travel.

3 8. EMPOWER RURAL IOWA

4 a. There is appropriated from the Iowa skilled worker and
5 job creation fund created in section 8.75 to the economic
6 development authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
7 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amount, or so
8 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
9 designated:

10 Empower rural Iowa program:

11 \$ 700,000

12 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
13 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
14 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
15 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
16 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

17 c. The authority shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
18 17A to establish criteria for the distribution of the moneys
19 appropriated in this subsection.

20 9. CULTURAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES

21 a. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
22 to the economic development authority for the fiscal year
23 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following
24 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
25 purposes designated:

26 (1) For planning and programming for the community cultural
27 grants program established under section 303.3, as amended by
28 2023 Iowa Acts, Senate File 514:

29 \$ 172,090

30 (2) For support of the Iowa arts council:

31 \$ 1,400,000

32 Of the moneys appropriated in this subparagraph, the
33 authority shall allocate \$300,000 for purposes of the film
34 office.

35 (3) For the Iowa great places program established under

1 section 303.3C, as amended by 2023 Iowa Acts, Senate File 514:
2 \$ 149,710

3 (4) For grant programs administered by the Iowa arts
4 council including those programs supporting the long-term
5 financial stability and sustainability of nonprofit cultural
6 organizations:

7 \$ 150,000

8 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
9 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
10 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
11 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
12 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

13 Sec. 3. LIMITATIONS OF STANDING APPROPRIATIONS — FY
14 2023-2024. Notwithstanding the standing appropriations
15 in the following designated sections for the fiscal year
16 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the amounts
17 appropriated from the general fund of the state pursuant to
18 those sections for the following purposes shall not exceed the
19 following amounts:

20 1. For operational support grants and community cultural
21 grants under [section 99F.11, subsection 4](#), paragraph “d”,
22 subparagraph (1):

23 \$ 448,403

24 2. For the purposes of regional tourism marketing under
25 [section 99F.11, subsection 4](#), paragraph “d”, subparagraph (2):
26 \$ 1,443,700

27 Sec. 4. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REPORTING — ECONOMIC
28 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. The economic development authority
29 shall submit an annual report to the general assembly no later
30 than November 1, 2023, that details the amount of every direct
31 loan, forgivable loan, tax credit, tax exemption, tax refund,
32 grant, or any other financial assistance awarded to a person
33 during the prior fiscal year by the authority under an economic
34 development program administered by the authority. The report
35 shall identify the county where the project associated with

1 each such award is located.

2 Sec. 5. INSURANCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. From the
3 moneys collected by the insurance division in excess of the
4 anticipated gross revenues under section 505.7, subsection
5 3, during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, \$100,000
6 shall be transferred to the economic development authority for
7 insurance economic development and international insurance
8 economic development.

9 Sec. 6. IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY.

10 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
11 to the Iowa finance authority for the fiscal year beginning
12 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amounts,
13 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
14 designated:

15 a. Rent subsidy program

16 (1) To provide reimbursement for rent expenses to eligible
17 persons under the home and community-based services rent
18 subsidy program established in [section 16.55](#):

19 \$ 873,000

20 (2) Of the moneys appropriated in this paragraph, not more
21 than \$35,000 may be used for administrative costs.

22 b. Housing renewal pilot program

23 To provide housing renewal moneys to a nonprofit Iowa
24 affiliate to award grants to eligible communities for a housing
25 renewal pilot program:

26 \$ 500,000

27 2. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
28 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
29 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
30 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
31 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

32 Sec. 7. IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY AUDIT. The auditor of state
33 is requested to review the audit of the Iowa finance authority
34 performed by the auditor hired by the authority.

35 Sec. 8. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD.

1 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
2 to the public employment relations board for the fiscal year
3 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following
4 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
5 purposes designated:

6 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
7 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
8 equivalent positions:

9	\$	1,290,230
10	FTEs	9.00

11 2. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, the board
12 shall allocate \$15,000 for maintaining an internet site that
13 allows access to a searchable database of collective bargaining
14 information.

15 Sec. 9. DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. There
16 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
17 department of workforce development for the fiscal year
18 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following
19 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
20 purposes designated:

21 1. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS

22 a. For the operation of field offices and the workforce
23 development board, and for not more than the following
24 full-time equivalent positions:

25	\$	6,801,205
26	FTEs	169.41

27 b. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "a", the
28 department shall allocate \$150,000 resource which prepares
29 persons to succeed in the workplace through programs which
30 improve job skills and vocational test-taking abilities.

31 2. OFFENDER REENTRY PROGRAM

32 a. For the development and administration of an offender
33 reentry program to provide offenders with employment skills,
34 and for not more than the following full-time equivalent
35 positions:

1 \$ 387,158

2 FTEs 5.00

3 b. The department of workforce development shall partner
4 with the department of corrections to provide staff within
5 the correctional facilities resources to improve offenders'
6 abilities to find and retain productive employment.

7 3. INTEGRATED INFORMATION FOR IOWA SYSTEM

8 For the payment of services provided by the department of
9 administrative services related to the integrated information
10 for Iowa system:

11 \$ 228,822

12 4. SUMMER YOUTH INTERN PILOT PROGRAM

13 For the funding of a summer youth intern pilot program that
14 will help young people at risk of not graduating from high
15 school to explore and prepare for high-demand careers through
16 summer work experience, including the development of soft
17 skills:

18 \$ 250,000

19 5. VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES DIVISION

20 a. For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
21 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
22 equivalent positions:

23 \$ 6,106,372

24 FTEs 248.00

25 For purposes of optimizing the job placement of individuals
26 with disabilities, the division shall make its best efforts
27 to work with community rehabilitation program providers for
28 job placement and retention services for individuals with
29 significant disabilities and most significant disabilities. By
30 January 15, 2024, the division shall submit a written report to
31 the general assembly regarding the division's outreach efforts
32 with community rehabilitation program providers.

33 b. For matching moneys for programs to enable persons
34 with severe physical or mental disabilities to function more
35 independently, including salaries and support, and for not more

1 than the following full-time equivalent positions:

2	\$	84,804
3	FTEs	1.00

4 c. For the entrepreneurs with disabilities program
5 established pursuant to section 259.4, as amended by 2023 Iowa
6 Acts, Senate File 514:

7	\$	138,506
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8 d. For costs associated with centers for independent
9 living:

10	\$	86,457
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11 6. ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY PROGRAMS

12 For distribution as grants to community colleges for
13 the purpose of adult basic education programs for students
14 requiring instruction in English as a second language:

15	\$	500,000
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16 In issuing grants under this subsection, the department of
17 workforce development shall use the same application process
18 and criteria as are used for purposes of awarding grants to
19 community colleges for the purpose of adult basic education
20 programs for students requiring instruction in English as a
21 second language using moneys that are appropriated to the
22 department from the Iowa skilled worker and job creation fund.

23 7. FUTURE READY IOWA REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP DEVELOPMENT
24 PROGRAM

25 For the funding of the future ready Iowa registered
26 apprenticeship development program under chapter 15C, as
27 amended by 2023 Iowa Acts, Senate File 514, to encourage
28 small to midsize businesses to start or grow registered
29 apprenticeships:

30	\$	760,000
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31 Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in this
32 section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of
33 the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
34 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the
35 succeeding fiscal year.

1 department of workforce development shall require a unique
2 identification login for all users of workforce development
3 centers operated through electronic means.

4 Sec. 14. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROGRAM.

5 1. Notwithstanding [section 96.9, subsection 4](#), paragraph
6 "a", moneys credited to the state by the secretary of the
7 treasury of the United States pursuant to section 903 of the
8 federal Social Security Act are appropriated to the department
9 of workforce development and shall be used by the department
10 for the administration of the unemployment compensation program
11 only. This appropriation shall not apply to any fiscal year
12 beginning after December 31, 2023.

13 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, up to \$800,000, or
14 so much thereof as may be necessary, of the unemployment
15 compensation modernization incentive payments made to the
16 state's unemployment trust fund account as a special transfer
17 under section 903 of the federal Social Security Act, pursuant
18 to the federal Assistance for Unemployed Workers and Struggling
19 Families Act, of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of
20 2009, Pub. L. No. 111-5, are appropriated to the department of
21 workforce development for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
22 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, for the purpose of modification
23 of space for unemployment insurance administrative law judge
24 offices and conference rooms in which to hold unemployment
25 insurance appeal hearings.

26 Sec. 15. IOWA SKILLED WORKER AND JOB CREATION FUND.

27 1. There is appropriated from the Iowa skilled worker and
28 job creation fund created in [section 8.75](#) to the following
29 departments, agencies, and institutions for the fiscal year
30 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following
31 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
32 purposes designated:

33 a. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

34 (1) For the purposes of providing assistance as described in
35 section 15.335B for the high quality jobs program:

1 \$ 11,700,000

2 From the moneys appropriated in this subparagraph, the
3 economic development authority may use not more than \$1,000,000
4 for purposes of providing infrastructure grants to main street
5 communities under the main street Iowa program and may allocate
6 not more than \$300,000 for the purposes of supporting statewide
7 worker education and quality preapprenticeship programs.

8 (2) As a condition of receiving moneys appropriated in
9 this lettered paragraph "a", an entity shall testify upon the
10 request of the joint appropriations subcommittee on economic
11 development regarding the expenditure of such moneys.

12 b. STATE BOARD OF REGENTS AND REGENTS INSTITUTIONS

13 (1) STATE BOARD OF REGENTS. For capacity building
14 infrastructure in areas related to technology
15 commercialization, marketing and business development
16 efforts in areas related to technology commercialization,
17 entrepreneurship, and business growth, and infrastructure
18 projects and programs needed to assist in implementation of
19 activities under [chapter 262B](#):

20 \$ 3,000,000

21 (a) Of the moneys appropriated pursuant to this
22 subparagraph (1), 35 percent shall be allocated for Iowa state
23 university of science and technology, 35 percent shall be
24 allocated for the state university of Iowa, and 30 percent
25 shall be allocated for the university of northern Iowa.

26 (b) The institutions shall provide a one-to-one match
27 of additional moneys for the activities funded with moneys
28 appropriated under this subparagraph (1).

29 (c) The state board of regents shall submit a report by
30 January 15, 2024, to the governor and the general assembly
31 regarding the activities, projects, and programs funded with
32 moneys appropriated under this subparagraph (1). The report
33 shall be provided in an electronic format and shall include a
34 list of metrics and criteria mutually agreed to in advance by
35 the board of regents and the economic development authority.

1 The metrics and criteria shall allow the governor's office and
2 the general assembly to quantify and evaluate the progress
3 of the board of regents institutions with regard to their
4 activities, projects, and programs in the areas of technology
5 commercialization, entrepreneurship, regional development, and
6 market research.

7 (2) IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. For
8 small business development centers, the research park, and the
9 center for industrial research and service, and for not more
10 than the following full-time equivalent positions:

11	\$	2,424,302
12	FTEs	50.95

13 (a) Of the moneys appropriated in this subparagraph (2),
14 Iowa state university of science and technology shall allocate
15 at least \$735,728 for purposes of funding small business
16 development centers. Iowa state university of science and
17 technology may allocate the appropriated moneys to the various
18 small business development centers in any manner necessary to
19 achieve the purposes of this subparagraph.

20 (b) Iowa state university of science and technology shall
21 do all of the following:

22 (i) Direct expenditures for research toward projects that
23 will provide economic stimulus for Iowa.

24 (ii) Provide emphasis to providing services to Iowa-based
25 companies.

26 (c) It is the intent of the general assembly that the
27 industrial incentive program focus on Iowa industrial sectors
28 and seek contributions and in-kind donations from businesses,
29 industrial foundations, and trade associations, and that moneys
30 for the center for industrial research and service industrial
31 incentive program shall be allocated only for projects which
32 are matched by private sector moneys for directed contract
33 research or for nondirected research. The match required of
34 small businesses as defined in [section 15.102](#) for directed
35 contract research or for nondirected research shall be \$1

1 for each \$3 of state funds. The match required for other
2 businesses for directed contract research or for nondirected
3 research shall be \$1 for each \$1 of state funds. The match
4 required of industrial foundations or trade associations shall
5 be \$1 for each \$1 of state funds.

6 (d) Iowa state university of science and technology shall
7 report annually to the general assembly the total amount of
8 private contributions, the proportion of contributions from
9 small businesses and other businesses, and the proportion for
10 directed contract research and nondirected research of benefit
11 to Iowa businesses and industrial sectors.

12 (3) STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

13 (a) For the state university of Iowa research park and for
14 university of Iowa pharmaceuticals located at the research
15 park, including salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, and
16 miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following
17 full-time equivalent positions:

18	\$	209,279
19	FTEs	6.00

20 The state university of Iowa shall do all of the following:

21 (i) Direct expenditures for research toward projects that
22 will provide economic stimulus for Iowa.

23 (ii) Provide emphasis to providing services to Iowa-based
24 companies.

25 (b) For the purpose of implementing the entrepreneurship
26 and economic growth initiative, and for not more than the
27 following full-time equivalent positions:

28	\$	2,000,000
29	FTEs	8.00

30 (4) UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA. For the metal casting and
31 foundry 4.0 centers, advance Iowa, family business center, and
32 the institute for decision making, including salaries, support,
33 maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than
34 the following full-time equivalent positions:

35	\$	1,466,419
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1 FTEs 13.00

2 The university of northern Iowa shall do all of the
3 following:

4 (a) Direct expenditures for research toward projects that
5 will provide economic stimulus for Iowa.

6 (b) Provide emphasis to providing services to Iowa-based
7 companies.

8 (5) As a condition of receiving moneys appropriated in
9 this lettered paragraph "b", an entity shall testify upon the
10 request of the joint appropriations subcommittee on economic
11 development regarding the expenditure of such moneys.

12 c. DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

13 (1) To develop a long-term sustained program to train
14 unemployed and underemployed central Iowans with skills
15 necessary to advance to higher-paying jobs with full benefits:
16 \$ 100,000

17 (a) The department of workforce development shall begin
18 a request for proposals process, issued for purposes of this
19 subparagraph (1), no later than September 1, 2023.

20 (b) As a condition of receiving moneys appropriated under
21 this subparagraph (1), an entity shall testify upon the
22 request of the joint appropriations subcommittee on economic
23 development regarding the expenditure of such moneys.

24 (2) For the funding of a future ready Iowa coordinator in
25 the department, and for not more than the following full-time
26 equivalent positions:

27 \$ 150,000
28 FTEs 1.00

29 (3) For distribution to community colleges for the purposes
30 of implementing adult education and literacy programs pursuant
31 to section 84A.19, as enacted by 2023 Iowa Acts, Senate File
32 514:

33 \$ 5,500,000

34 (a) From the moneys appropriated in this numbered
35 subparagraph, \$3,883,000 shall be allocated pursuant to the

1 formula established in section 260C.18C.

2 (b) From the moneys appropriated in this numbered
3 subparagraph, not more than \$150,000 shall be used by the
4 department of workforce development for implementation of adult
5 education and literacy programs pursuant to section 84A.19, as
6 enacted by 2023 Iowa Acts, Senate File 514.

7 (c) From the moneys appropriated in this numbered
8 subparagraph, not more than \$1,257,000 shall be distributed
9 as grants to community colleges for the purpose of adult
10 basic education programs for students requiring instruction
11 in English as a second language. The department of workforce
12 development shall establish an application process and criteria
13 to award grants pursuant to this subparagraph division to
14 community colleges. The criteria shall be based on need for
15 instruction in English as a second language in the region
16 served by each community college as determined by factors
17 including data from the latest federal decennial census and
18 outreach efforts to determine regional needs.

19 (d) From the moneys appropriated in this numbered
20 subparagraph, \$210,000 shall be transferred to the department
21 of health and human services for purposes of administering a
22 program to provide access to international resources to Iowans
23 and new Iowans to provide economic and leadership development
24 resulting in Iowa being a more inclusive and welcoming place
25 to live, work, and raise a family. The program shall provide
26 supplemental support services for international refugees to
27 improve learning, English literacy, life skills, cultural
28 competencies, and integration in a county with a population
29 over 350,000 as determined by the 2020 federal decennial
30 census. The department of health and human services shall
31 utilize a request for proposals process to identify the entity
32 best qualified to implement the program.

33 (4) For deposit in the statewide work-based learning
34 intermediary network fund created pursuant to section 256.40,
35 as amended by 2023 Iowa Acts, Senate File 514:

1 \$ 1,500,000

2 From the moneys appropriated in this numbered subparagraph,
3 not more than \$50,000 shall be used by the department of
4 workforce development to provide statewide support for
5 work-based learning.

6 (5) For the funding of internships for students studying in
7 the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
8 with eligible Iowa employers as provided in section 15.411,
9 subsection 3, paragraph "c":

10 \$ 633,325

11 2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
12 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
13 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
14 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
15 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

16 Sec. 16. GENERAL FUND — CERTAIN REGENTS INSTITUTIONS.

17 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
18 to the following institutions for the fiscal year beginning
19 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the following amounts,
20 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
21 designated:

22 a. IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

23 In cooperation with the economic development authority, for
24 support of a biosciences innovation ecosystem, to strengthen
25 Iowa's leadership positions in the area of bio-based chemicals,
26 digital agriculture, vaccines, and medical devices, including
27 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and
28 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:
29 \$ 2,963,995
30 FTEs 8.40

31 b. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

32 In cooperation with the economic development authority, for
33 support of a biosciences innovation ecosystem, to strengthen
34 Iowa's leadership positions in the area of bio-based chemicals,
35 digital agriculture, vaccines, and medical devices, including

1 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and
 2 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:
 3 \$ 1,000,000
 4 FTEs 4.35

5 c. UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

6 For equipment and technology to expand the university's
 7 additive manufacturing capabilities related to investment
 8 castings technology and industry support, including salaries,
 9 support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not
 10 more than the following full-time equivalent positions:
 11 \$ 394,321
 12 FTEs 2.73

13 The university of northern Iowa shall make a good-faith
 14 effort to coordinate with private entities to seek moneys to
 15 supplement this appropriation to support the expansion of the
 16 university's additive manufacturing capabilities.

17 2. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
 18 subsection 1, paragraphs "a" and "b", that remain unencumbered
 19 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
 20 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
 21 designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

22 DIVISION II

23 FY 2022-2023 — FUTURE READY IOWA VOLUNTEER MENTORING PROGRAM

24 Sec. 17. 2022 Iowa Acts, chapter 1148, section 3, subsection
 25 11, is amended to read as follows:

26 11. FUTURE READY IOWA — VOLUNTEER MENTORING PROGRAM

27 a. There is appropriated from the Iowa skilled worker and
 28 job creation fund created in [section 8.75](#) to the economic
 29 development authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
 30 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, the following amount, or so
 31 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
 32 designated:

33 For allocation to the Iowa commission on volunteer services
 34 to be used for establishing a volunteer mentor program to
 35 support implementation of the future ready Iowa skilled

1 workforce last-dollar scholarship program in [section 261.131](#)
2 and the future ready Iowa skilled workforce grant program
3 created in [section 261.132](#), and for not more than the following
4 full-time equivalent positions:

5	\$	400,000
6	FTEs	1.15

7 b. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
8 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
9 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
10 available for expenditure for the purposes designated, and for
11 not more than the authorized full-time equivalent positions,
12 until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

13 DIVISION III

14 PATHWAYS FOR ACADEMIC CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM — RULES

15 Sec. 18. Section 260H.8, Code 2023, as amended by 2023
16 Iowa Acts, Senate File 514, section 2196, is amended to read
17 as follows:

18 **260H.8 Rules.**

19 The department of ~~education~~ workforce development, in
20 consultation with the community colleges, the economic
21 development authority, and the department of ~~workforce~~
22 ~~development~~ education, shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
23 17A to implement [this chapter](#). Local workforce development
24 boards established pursuant to [section 84A.4](#) shall be consulted
25 in the development and implementation of rules adopted pursuant
26 to [this section](#).

27 DIVISION IV

28 APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM — DEFINITIONS

29 Sec. 19. Section 15B.2, subsection 9A, as enacted by
30 2023 Iowa Acts, Senate File 514, section 2251, is amended by
31 striking the subsection.

32 DIVISION V

33 NEW JOBS TRAINING AGREEMENTS

34 Sec. 20. 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 138, section 8, is amended
35 to read as follows:

1 SEC. 8. IOWA NEW JOBS TRAINING AGREEMENTS. An Iowa
2 community college that entered into a new jobs training
3 agreement pursuant to [chapter 260E](#), which was effective in
4 April ~~2012~~ 2021, with an Iowa employer may enter into a new
5 agreement with such employer pursuant to [chapter 260E](#), which
6 will be effective September ~~2015~~ 2023, and may use the base
7 employment determined in ~~April 2012~~ October 2021 as the base
8 employment for determining the new jobs eligible under the
9 new agreement if the base employment determined in ~~April 2012~~
10 October 2021 was ~~2,125~~ 2,335 employees. The new agreement
11 under [chapter 260E](#) shall be limited to seven years from the
12 effective date of the agreement.

13 EXPLANATION

14 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
15 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

16 This bill relates to and makes appropriations for the
17 economic development of the state.

18 FY 2023-2024 APPROPRIATIONS. The bill appropriates moneys
19 for FY 2023-2024 from the general fund of the state to the
20 economic development authority, the Iowa finance authority, the
21 public employment relations board, the department of workforce
22 development, Iowa state university of science and technology,
23 the state university of Iowa, and the university of northern
24 Iowa.

25 The bill appropriates moneys for FY 2023-2024 from the
26 Iowa skilled worker and job creation fund to the economic
27 development authority, the department of workforce development,
28 and the state board of regents and institutions under the
29 control of the board.

30 For FY 2023-2024, the bill limits standing appropriations
31 for the world food prize, certain operational support grants,
32 community cultural grants, and regional tourism marketing.

33 The bill transfers \$100,000 of the moneys collected by the
34 insurance division in excess of the anticipated gross revenues
35 under Code section 505.7 to the economic development authority.

1 The bill appropriates moneys for FY 2023-2024 from the
2 special employment security contingency fund and interest
3 earned on the unemployment compensation reserve fund to the
4 department of workforce development.

5 Moneys credited to the state by the U.S. secretary of
6 treasury pursuant to section 903 of the federal Social
7 Security Act are appropriated to the department of workforce
8 development. Up to \$800,000 of the unemployment compensation
9 modernization incentive payments made to the state's
10 unemployment trust fund account as a special transfer under
11 section 903 of the federal Social Security Act are appropriated
12 to the department of workforce development for modification
13 of space for unemployment insurance administrative law judge
14 offices and conference rooms for unemployment insurance appeal
15 hearings.

16 The auditor of state is requested to review the audit of the
17 Iowa finance authority performed by the auditor hired by the
18 authority.

19 The bill requires the economic development authority, the
20 vocational rehabilitation services division of the department
21 of workforce development, the state board of regents, and Iowa
22 state university of science and technology to submit various
23 reports to the general assembly.

24 FUTURE READY IOWA VOLUNTEER MENTORING PROGRAM. The bill
25 authorizes the moneys appropriated to the economic development
26 authority for the future ready Iowa volunteer mentoring program
27 in FY 2022-2023 to remain available for use in FY 2023-2024 for
28 the 1.15 full-time equivalent positions under the program.

29 PATHWAYS FOR ACADEMIC CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM.
30 The bill requires the department of workforce development,
31 rather than the department of education, to adopt rules in
32 consultation with entities designated in the bill for the
33 pathway for academic career and employment program.

34 APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM. The bill amends Code
35 section 15B.2 to strike the definition for "targeted

1 industries”.

2 NEW JOBS TRAINING AGREEMENTS. The bill authorizes a
3 community college that entered into a new jobs training
4 agreement (agreement) that was effective in April 2021 to enter
5 into a new agreement with the same employer with an effective
6 date of September 2023. The new jobs eligible under the
7 agreement are determined as outlined in the bill.